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In re application of

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TITLE: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
STAGED IMPLANTATION OF A GRAFT
FOR VASCULAR REPAIR

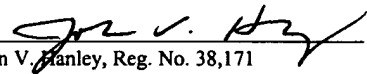
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I, subspecies 1b and 2b for examination in the present matter. Claims readable on the elected species include at least claims 1-5 and 7.

Respectfully submitted,

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